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In re the application of: Steven P. Hilsdorf

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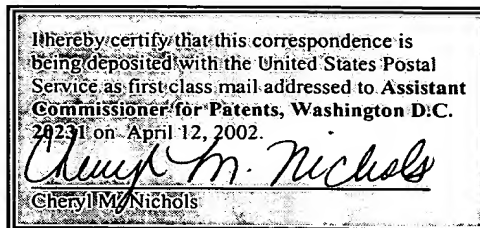
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TWO-COLOR THERMAL POINT
OF SALE (POS) PRINTING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows before examination
thereof:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 7-18 as follows:

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7. A method of converting a full color image to a two color image for a thermal printer, wherein said two colors are a primary color and a secondary color, comprising:

providing a color image on a host computer as display pixels, wherein each display pixel includes a combination of none, one, two, or all three of a first color, a second color, and a third color;

determining first, second, and third color values for each display pixel for said first, second, and third colors, respectively, contained in each display pixel;

comparing each of said first, second, and third color values to a given threshold and associating a color value with a first state if said color value meets a first criterion with respect to a given threshold, and associating a color value with a